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REMARKS

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1. The Herrenkrug or Von Hippel Kaserne and the Anger or Ludendorff Kaserne in Magdeburg (K 53/Y 60) were occupied by Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 5 February 1951. About 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen training at the drill field which extends along the west side of Herrenkrugstrasse. Three mortars of about 80 mm caliber, and passenger car [REDACTED] were seen at the drill field.

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2. Bales of cloth and articles of clothing were unloaded from truck [REDACTED] in front of a Soviet warehouse on the east side of Herrenkrugstrasse, near the Herrenkrug streetcar stop.

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3. The barracks installation which is bounded by Turmschanzenstrasse, Brueckstrasse and Jerichowerstrasse was occupied by troops and guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] was at the installation.

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4. Gate guards at the Zuckerbusch Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation contained one large and one small barracks building, fronting on the street, and several stable-like buildings. From 12 to 15 telephone lines were strung between the two buildings fronting on the street. Except for the gate guards, troops and vehicles were not seen in the billeting area.

5. The Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg-Crakau was heavily occupied by troops

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who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Seven 85-mm AA guns and two 37-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks yard. Troops were engaged in aiming practice with three of the heavy AA guns and the two light AA guns. Two four-wheel trailers with standard truck tires were parked near the guns. In the middle of the trailers there were square boxes with numbers and indicator devices. Five or six soldiers sat on seats around the boxes, continually shouting commands to the gun crews, whereupon the crews pivoted the guns. Three tank trucks, [redacted] were parked in the northwestern corner of the barracks yard. Other vehicles seen at the Flak Kasorne [redacted] Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation on about 10 trucks to practice driving in the streets of the city. [redacted]

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6. Two artillery pieces were emplaced on the north bank of the Elbe River, by the first bridge of the Berlin-Magdeburg railroad line. One of the artillery pieces was a heavy AA gun with its barrel elevated about 45 degrees and the other was a gun of about 70 mm caliber, apparently also an AA gun, with its barrel in horizontal position. Five soldiers stood beside the guns. [redacted] \*\*\*

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